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RECENT NEWS

The Executive Ethics Commission (EEC) has released recent disciplinary decisions related to OEIG investigations of Ethics Act violations and redacted final reports of several other OEIG investigations. Recent decisions and reports include:

- *Meza v. Judy Erwin*, 11-EEC-005, an investigation involving prohibited political activity resulting in a \$4,000 fine, the second largest imposed by the EEC to date;
- *In re: William Yeager*, 10-00078, an investigation involving various violations of Illinois Department of Revenue policies, including improper use of a state vehicle; and,
- *In re: Patricia Hopper*, 09-00809, an investigation involving various violations of Illinois Department of Transportation policies, including employee time abuse.

Please visit the OEIG's website at any time to read EEC decisions related to OEIG investigations of Ethics Act violations or redacted final reports of OEIG investigations.

A Message from the Executive Inspector General



Messrs. Meza & Fornoff

On March 2-3, 2011, the Office of Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor held a meeting of its entire staff in Bloomington, Illinois. Subject matter experts provided OEIG staff with training on a number of topics, many of which focused on performing

investigations.

External speakers included:

- Ray Arias, President of Arias Information Solutions, LLC;
- Stuart Berman, Special Agent-In-Charge, Office of Inspector General for the General Services Administration;
- Chad Fornoff, Executive Director of the Illinois Executive Ethics Commission;
- James Grogan, Deputy Administrator & Chief Counsel, Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission;
- Teresa Haley, Training Consultant, Illinois Department of Human Services; and,
- Mark E. Wojcik, Professor, The John Marshall Law School.

On behalf of the entire OEIG staff, I wish to thank these individuals for volunteering their time and sharing their considerable experience and knowledge with us. I am confident that what we learned during these sessions will improve both the efficiency and effectiveness of our Office.

Ricardo Meza
Executive Inspector General

OEIG Investigations

OEIG investigations typically entail interviewing witnesses and analyzing physical documents. However, the common use of email communications and electronic data storage in the workplace frequently requires the OEIG to analyze electronic evidence. As a result, the OEIG employs two full-time certified computer forensic investigators who identify, recover, and evaluate electronic data.

Specifically, OEIG forensic investigators recover evidence from state-owned:

- digital cameras;
- cellular telephones;
- portable storage devices;
- computers; and,
- email systems.

In addition to analyzing data related to its own investigations, OEIG computer forensic investigators assist other State agencies in recovering and analyzing information related to their internal investigations.

**Steven Reinke, Supervisor IT/
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Calendar of Events: Mar. 29, 2011--Executive Ethics Commission Conference, SAIG Kristy Shores presenter. May 18, 2011--The National Association of Inspectors General National Conference will be held in Chicago.